

REMARKS AND RESPONSES

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application, and the indication that claims 1-4 and 7-13 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Accordingly, claims 1 and 8 have been amended to address and overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Hence, the amended claims 1 and 8 are allowable, and dependent claims 2-4 and 7, which depend from claim 1, and claims 9-13, which depend from claim 8, overcome the rejection.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

With respect to the Office Action, the Office Action rejected claims 1-5 and 7-13 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Specifically, the Office Action stated that claims 1 and 8 were potentially ambiguous since “IR” was not definitely recited. In response, Applicant amends claims 1 and 8 to define “an IR energy source” as recommended by the Examiner. In view of this amendment, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 8 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Office Action also alleged that the feature of “providing an amorphous silicon thin film transistor” is ambiguous. In response, Applicant has amended this feature in claim 1 to define the claimed thin film transistor as “having a gate metal and a source/drain metal.” As the Office Action indicated that the claimed structure was implied to provide a gate and source/drain metal, as amended, claim 1 overcomes the noted rejection.

As all relevant claims have been amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and no art-based rejections have been made, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance.

Cited Art

The cited art made of record, but not relied upon, has been considered but is not believed to impact the patentability of the pending claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

Respectfully submitted,

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